

**Block Island Housing Board**  
**Thursday, December 10, 2009**  
**Town Hall, Old Town Road**  
**7:30 p.m.**

**Present:** Doug Michel, Debbie Howarth, Pattie Murphy and Dan Barker. Also present in the audience were First Warden Kim Gaffett, Chris Warfel and representing the Block Island Times, Judy Tierney.

**Not Present:** Gerry Riker, Fraser Lang and Cindy Pappas

Meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by Doug Michel

**Approval of minutes, November 12, 2009 and November 18, 2009**

Minutes were approved as written in a motion by Pattie Murphy and seconded by Debbie Howarth.

Ayes 4

Nays 0

**Correspondence/Public Input**

None

**Finance Report, payment of bills**

A motion was made by Pattie Murphy and seconded Dan Barker to accept the Finance Director's report. (see attached)

Ayes 4

Nays 0

A motion was made by Doug Michel and seconded by Pattie Murphy to pay the bill from Blish and Cavanaugh for \$32.50.(see attached)

Ayes 4

Nays 0

Clerk reported that \$17, 371.18 had been collected to date.

**Jacke property update; including property clearing; layout of road and houses by engineer; subcommittee reports. Update on monitoring agent.**

There was a discussion about the possible redesigning of the septic systems. Tom McGuire is still waiting for the easement from Bill Landry. Debbie Howarth will call Tom McGuire and see what she can do to straighten this out. Doug Michel on the subcommittee for selection of applicants, reported that he had spoken with Monica Shea who directed him to a man at Rhode Island Housing. He will contact that person. Monica also suggested that BIED and the Housing Board monitor each other. She asked for a copy of the eligibility requirements.

The design subcommittee was about to give its report; Doug Michel recused himself from the discussion. The Subcommittee reported that the design phase had gone out for proposals. (See attached) and were due back on December 22, 2009. There will be a subcommittee meeting following the opening of the bids. There was a discussion about

energy grant that Chris Warfel would like to work on with Heidi Tarbox. (see attached).  
With discussion completed and Doug Michel returned to the table.

A motion was made by Dan Barker and seconded by Pattie Murphy to apply for the State Energy grant.

Ayes 4

Nays 0

**Brown-Smith Property; discuss agreement for mowing/clearing and horses.**

There was a discussion about the agreement that Mr. Landry sent to Debbie Howarth. (See attached) Debbie Howarth will put the agreement in final form and show it to Cindy Pappas and Doug Michel.

A motion was made by Pattie Murphy and seconded by Dan Barker to approve the McCabe Agreement.

Ayes 4

Nays 0

**Meeting schedule for 2010**

Meetings will be held at 7:30 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month at Town Hall.

January 14, 2010

July 8, 2010

February 4, 2010

August 12, 2010

March 11, 2010

September 9, 2010

April 15, 2010

October 14, 2010

May 13, 2010

November 18, 2010

June 10, 2010

December 9, 2010

**Update of house moving project**

There was a discussion about the two house moving projects completed by the Board with no action.

At 8:20 a motion was made and seconded to enter closed session pursuant to RIGL §42-46-5(a)(5), acquisition of property. Kim Gaffett was invited to stay in closed session.

Ayes 4

Nays 0

At 8:30 p.m. a motion was made and seconded to return to open session; seal the minutes and note that no votes were taken in closed session

Ayes 4

Nays 0

At 8:40 p.m. a motion was made, seconded and voted unanimously to adjourn.

Minutes submitted 1/14/2010

Minutes approved: 1/14/2010

Bonny Ryan